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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

LaFontaine Lions to host breakfast

The LaFontaine Lions Club is set to host a breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m., or until it's gone, Saturday, Feb. 8 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes (on request), juice, milk and coffee. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the LaFontaine Community Building. Lions also collect old glasses, hearing aids and keys.

Experience 120 years of local agricultural history

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) will be hosting John Hartsough at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 in the Assembly Room of Timbercrest Senior Living, 2201 East St., North Manchester. There is no charge for attendance.

Wabash River water quality meeting planned

The project focused on assessing, protecting and improving water quality; engaging individuals interested in the Wabash River drainage; and developing a step-wise plan for the Wabash River drainage will host its final public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the Honeywell Room at the Honeywell Center. For more information, email Sara Peel at wabashriverdefenders@gmail.com or Jen Rankin at jrankin@slashthetrash.com.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (INDAR) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara

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Submitted photos

Miami County resident, Jeff Staker, right, poses with national medical marijuana proponent Irvin Rosenfeld at a 2016 event in California.

Vet opens up about medical marijuana advocacy

Staker says softening state's laws could help local veterans

By JARED KEEVER

As proponents continue to push for the softening of Indiana's laws concerning marijuana and draw more activists to their ranks, one Miami County resident says he has been involved in the fight, with an eye to helping the state's veterans, for a couple of years and just recently opened up more about his own experience.

"I came out and said I'm a medical cannabis patient," Jeff Staker told the Tribune in late January.

Staker is the founder of Hoosier Veterans for Medical Cannabis, an organization that, according to its website, is looking to change Indiana law "as it pertains to the medical use of cannabis and at the same time inform(ing) and educating our citizens of the misconception cannabis (or marijuana) has had on our society for the past 75 years."

He told the Tribune that for him, the fight is personal. A U.S. Marine Corps scout sniper for 11 years who finished out his mili-

tary career with 22 years at Grissom Air Reserve Base as a Department of Defense security police and fireman. Staker said he spent the end of that time suffering from chronic pain. During a portion of it he was prescribed opiates to help him cope, and he points to that time as his introduction to learning about the possibilities of cannabis.

"I was running the risk of accidentally overdosing," he recalled. "I got off of it, but a lot of veterans have a hard time with it."

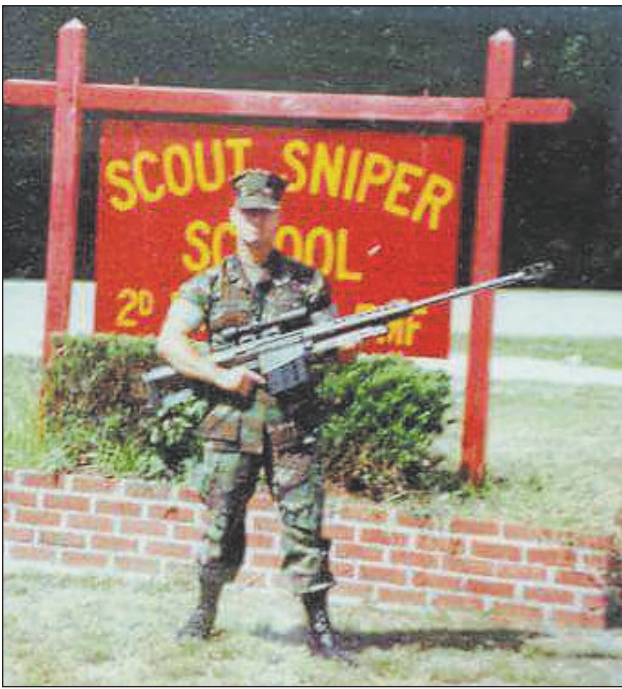
Subject to drug testing in his former roles, Staker said he wasn't able to start using marijuana for relief from his pain until he retired in 2018 and obtained a medical cannabis card issued out Cali-

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Submitted photos

Staker and his family pose together in this family portrait.



Staker poses in an old photo of his from his days in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Eagles Theatre announces two-theatre film lineup

Newly-renovated venue to scheduled to show films in March

By STAFF REPORT

Eagles Theatre, a two-theater facility, will show classic films in the 560-seat Eagles Theatre and the 49-seat Ferguson Theatre during the preview month of March, according to a press release.

The Eagles Theatre will combine nostalgia with modern upgrades and amenities including comfortable seating, private suites in the suite-level balcony, and state-of-the-art projection, sound and lighting.

The Ferguson Theatre will offer first-run movies as well as sensory-friendly showings, independent films, student showcases, and more following the March preview.

The Eagles Theatre film scheduled for March includes:

■ "Coal Miner's Daughter" at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 1. This showing is sponsored by Candie Cooper.

■ "Wizard of Oz" at 8 p.m. Friday, March 6, and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at 1 p.m.

■ "Hoosiers" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m.

■ "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" at 12:15, 4 and 7:25 p.m. Saturday, March 14.

■ "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" at 1, 4:25 and 7:50 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

■ "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" at 2:30 and 6:50 p.m. Saturday,

March 21.

■ "Soul Surfer" at 2:30 and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

■ The Ferguson Theatre film scheduled for March includes:

■ "A Star is Born" at 7 p.m. Friday, March 13.

■ "Green Book" at 12:45, 3:40 and 6:35 p.m. Saturday, March 14.

■ "La La Land" at 1:15, 4:05 and 6:55 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

■ "Dunkirk" at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

■ "Downton Abbey" at 2 and 4:45 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

Eagles Theatre movie-goers will have the opportunity to join the new loyalty club Marquee Members. Marquee Members will have access to various loyalty rewards for concession items at Eagles Theatre, the Honeywell Cen-

ter, and the 13-24 Drive-In. Additional benefits for Marquee Members include free sign-up, indefinite membership, the inside scoop of future live entertainment and interchangeable points between all three venues.

For every dollar spent on movies and concessions at each venue, five points are rewarded. Rewards include popcorn, fountain drinks, and birthday specials.

To sign up as a Marquee Member cardholder, visit EaglesTheatre.com/marquee-members.

All tickets for classic movies are \$3. Tickets for first-run movies will be \$6 and \$4. Tickets for these showings will be available for purchase at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 by visiting EaglesTheatre.com/movies or by calling the Honeywell Foundation Box Office at 260-563-1102.

St. Trolley's Day Tour on sale Feb. 14

The event will include three stops and last about two hours

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the St. Trolley's Day Tour happening on March 14 will be available for purchase beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, according to Whitney Millsbaugh, marketing manager for Visit Wabash County.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Friday, Millsbaugh stated the mechanical problems previously experienced by Trolley No. 85 have been addressed.

"Hop aboard Trolley No. 85 and travel between three stops where libations and Irish-themed appetizers will be enjoyed by all," she stated.

Tour times offered are 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m. and will last about two hours.

"All tour times begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center. Stops include Harry's Old Kettle Pub & Grill where Irish inspired drinks and appetizers will be served, Chapman's Brewing Company for microbrews and Nick's Dog Cart, and Brandt's Harley-Davidson for home-brewed beer and delicious beer bread. New this year, complete challenges at each location to win two tickets to Brewfest at Chapman's Brewing Co. on April 18," she stated.

The St. Trolley's Day Tour is \$25 per person and all-inclusive. To register for this tour, visit www.VisitWabashCounty.com and click on Tours/Trolley Rental.

You may also stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171. Tickets are \$25 per person is due upon registration.

You must be 21 or older to participate in this tour.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

INfreefile has been offering free online tax filing services to Hoosiers for 17 years

By STAFF REPORT

Last year, 1.9 million Hoosiers may have paid for something instead of getting it for free, by not taking advantage of the Indiana free file (IN-freefile) program to file their individual taxes, according to a press release.

Nearly 2 million Indiana individual income tax return filers, with adjusted gross incomes of \$69,000 or less, may qualify to file both their state and federal taxes for no cost with INfreefile. In partnership with the IRS and industry leading tax preparation software vendors, INfreefile has been offering free online tax filing services to Hoosiers for 17 years and uses the same electronic question-and-answer style vendor software most electronic filers pay to use.

"Electronic filing is far superior to paper filing, offering a faster and higher-quality filing experience. It also results in

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PULSE

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Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Museum announces History Hunters program

The first event will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St. Amanda Rumba, a member of the Indiana Humanities speakers' bureau, will present her original program, "Historic Hoosier Communities: Change and Consistency."

Woman's Clubhouse to host monthly luncheon

The Woman's Clubhouse along with the Sew Peaceful Quilt Club will host its monthly luncheon at noon Feb. 11. The program will be a prize and gift day with games and surprises. The Bash Boutique is our sponsor and will provide one of our gifts. Please make your reservations by phone with Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

Blanket Binders event scheduled

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Use your love of quilting to help others and enjoy the fellowship of other sewers. The quilts are given to local people in need. Bring your sewing machine and a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

Experience 'President Lincoln' on his birthday

Celebrate President Lincoln's birthday from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Murray Cox as President Abraham Lincoln. Pre-registration is required if staying for lunch with President Lincoln. The lunch reservation deadline is at noon Monday, Feb. 10. The cost for lunch is \$4.50 for those 60 years of age and under; over 60 by donation.

State of Our Communities to celebrate 2019, share plans for 2020

Grow Wabash County will be hosting the third annual State of Our Communities event on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and presentations will begin at 8 a.m. The event should conclude around 10 a.m. Sponsorships and tickets are available by registering here: <https://tinyurl.com/wjs6rbj>.

Celebrate February birthdays

February's Birthday Party will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Ellen Mock, vocalist, and Peggy Coppler, pianist. Ice cream and homemade cake will be served. Sign up today for a fun-filled celebration.

Skywarn weather spotter training set

A Skywarn weather spotter training session has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the skating rink at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Online registration is available at <https://wabashin-spotter.eventzilla.net>. Registration may also be completed by calling 260-563-3181 or 574-834-1104.

Valentine potluck lunch scheduled

Join the Annual Valentine Exchange and Luncheon at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Pre-registration is required. The lunch reservation deadline is at noon Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Laketon American Legion Auxiliary plans Valentine's Day dinner

The Laketon American Legion Auxiliary has planned a special Valentine's Day dinner for 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at 15 N. Main St., Laketon. There will be a choice of prime rib or shrimp, potato, salad, dessert, drink and flower for the ladies for \$12.50. Advance tickets and carry-outs are available. For more information, call 260-306-0162.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's 100th Anniversary Gala planned

The gala will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., with the dinner and programs set for 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall. For those who can't attend the gala, financial donations of any size for Riley Hospital by individuals, businesses and organizations are also welcomed and appreciated. Checks can be mailed to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992 with "Riley" in the memo line.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 17

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North.

'Ask a Teenager Tech Basics' class scheduled

"Ask a Teenager" Tech Basics: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond Str. Sign up requested by calling 260-563-4475. Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students.

Honeywell Foundation's annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Experience Mardi Gras, Wabash-style

From 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Mentalist Chad Collyer, king cake, masks, beads, games and prizes. The 2020 Mardi Gras King and Queen will be announced.

Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Pre-

sentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

Manchester hosts Spartan Smash high school eSports tourney

High school teams across the Midwest are invited to the Spartan Smash Invitational, a first-time eSports competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29, on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. Registration will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The tournament bracket will be made available that Saturday morning. Competition is in Flory Auditorium at the Science Center. For more information and registration, visit <https://smash.gg/tournament/spartan-smash-invitational>.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150.

For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

'Death by Chocolate' tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater's winter comedy "Death by Chocolate" will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovestad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County's annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting growwabashcounty.com/events, by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday Scattered Snow 32 / 24	Sunday Scattered Rain 36 / 30	Monday Cloudy 32 / 26	Tuesday Mostly Cloudy 34 / 25	Wednesday Isolated Snow 36 / 28

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:13 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:50 a.m.

Full 2/9	Last 2/15	New 2/23	First 3/2

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of scattered snow, high temperature of 32°, humidity of 78%. West southwest wind 2 to 7 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 24°. South southwest wind 8 mph.

Friend worried about what to do in retirement

DEAR HARRIETTE: I got a letter from an old friend that was very disturbing to me. She is at retirement age and has to keep working, like most people I know, because she doesn't have ample retirement money. She is worried about how she will take care of herself when she gets older, because she is unmarried and doubts that she can work forever. She sounded so sad. I don't have any real answers for her, but I do want to be of support. What do you say to somebody who will be broke before she dies? – Loss for Words

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



DEAR LOSS FOR WORDS: This is an increasingly common and worrisome reality for many seniors. For a variety of reasons – health being at the top of the list – elders in America, one of the wealthiest countries in the world, find themselves in dire need of support at a time when they feel most vulnerable. The good news is that when people truly are in financial distress, there are government programs that are designed to help them. This means anything from vouchers for public housing to Medicaid – plus many more. You have to do your research, but tell your friend there is support out there. Go to seniorliving.org/research/government-aid for more information.

It is also true that many seniors work well past the age of 65 and can have lucrative jobs. For quite a few seniors, that means reinventing themselves and possibly making a pivot in the road to pursue a different line of work. Encore is a company that pairs seasoned professionals with not-for-profits. For 10 years, it has successfully matched professionals with fulfilling roles that sometimes turn into full-time work. Visit encore.org/fellowships for more information. Your friend can also go to aarp.org to learn about benefits and opportunities available to people over 50.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My wife is a very attractive woman, at least to me. I love how she dresses and pays attention to how she looks. She is a professional

READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

THURSDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
02-11-12-22-36
Estimated jackpot: \$133,000
Cash4Life
04-05-08-25-47, Cash Ball: 4
Daily Three-Midday
3-5-4, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
7-6-4, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
7-0-1-4, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
5-3-9-2, SB: 8
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$187 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$60 million

FRIDAY'S METALS

Aluminum	77
Copper	2.60
Lead84
Zinc	1.00
Gold	1,569.90
Silver	17.72
Platinum	967.35

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Friday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$4.04. Soybeans: \$8.75.

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Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, February 7- Thursday, February 13
All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

Birds of Prey (R) Fri: 6:50, 9:40 Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40 Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50	Gretel and Hansel (PG13) Fri: 6:40, 9:10 Sat: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10 Sun: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40 Mon- Thurs: 6:40	Dolittle (PG) Fri: 7:00, 9:30 Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30 Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00 Mon- Thurs: 7:00
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The Gentlemen (R)
Fri: 6:30, 9:20
Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20
Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30
Mon- Thurs: 6:30

1917 (R)
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Wabash Musicale holds January meeting

By STAFF REPORT

Wabash Musicale met Jan. 28 at the First United Methodist Church with 20 members and one guest present, according to a press release.

President Carolyn Eppley welcomed the ladies and turned the meeting over to chairperson Eileen Dye who posed the Jeopardy question: “Who was Poland’s greatest composer and the virtuoso pianist of the Romantic era who wrote primarily for solo piano?” The answer was Chopin.

Susie Jones played Chopin’s “Valse (Waltz) in C# minor, Opus 64, No. 2.”

Peggy Coppler and Muriel Morrison performed a piano duet of “America, the Beautiful,” arranged by Melody Bober.

Next, Susan Vanlandingham played Claude Debussy’s “La Plus Que Lente.” This was the first piece she played as a music major at Ball State University. Linda Snapp sang “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” with Dye accompanying.

Snapp continued by leading the group in a round

of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” with Eileen accompanying.

Susan Vanlandingham played a Mark Hayes arrangement of “America, the Beautiful.” Musicale members have been encouraged to find different arrangements of this song for the year.

Susie Jones sang “My Ship,” music by Kurt Weill and words by Ira Gershwin.

The trio (Susan V., Susie J., and Linda Snapp) sang “This Beautiful Country” from the play “Wait Til You Get to Wabash”, with music and lyrics written by Susie Jones and accompa-

nied by Dye.

Vanlandingham played an African American Spiritual “Go Down Moses” arranged by Mark Hayes.

The trio of Vanlandingham, Jones and Snapp ended the program with “America Our Heritage,” a song written by Helen Steele. Fred Waring and the Singing Nuns recorded this under the album titled, “The Glory of the Brave.”

A short business meeting followed. Refreshments were served by Pat Cassidy, Bettie Miller and Susan Vanlandingham.

‘It’s all history now’

There was a time when the name Ernest Thompson Seton was known across much of the English-speaking world, so when he came here to talk

Pete Jones



a follow-up story after Seton’s appearance at the Presbyterian Church on Feb. 2.

His talk was at the beginning of Boy Scout Week, which was observed by the several Boy Scout troops in the county. That’s notable because Seton is regarded as one of the founders of the Scouting movement in America.

Seton won fame as a naturalist, and he wrote widely about natural history and wildlife. He was co-author, along with William Baden-Powell, of the original Boy Scout handbook. After all these years, several of his books are still in print, particularly “Wild Animals I Have Known,” a work Seton also illustrated.

He spoke at the Presbyterian Church at a time when it was in rather constant use as a venue for lectures and musical events.

Jazz from the hotel roof

The Hotel Indiana wasn’t open yet in February 1920, but a jazz band appearing across the street at the Eagles Theater worked its way to the roof of the unfinished building and serenaded those below.

The Band of Old Kentucky had marched through the downtown district late in the

afternoon before appearing at the Eagles on the evening bill with other acts. The concert from the hotel roof was apparently an impromptu affair.

On this day

On this day in 1934, nearly all of Indiana was caught in the grip of a cold wave that brought the lowest temperatures in several years. Phil Magner, Sr., the official government weather observer here, said the mercury reached a low of 10 degrees below zero just before dawn.

The Plain Dealer noted that streets were nearly deserted and that the east rooms of the Courthouse “...were almost impossible to heat.”

The cold weather brought the usual spate of roof fires around town. Wood shingles were still common then and they were quick to ignite from sparks generated by furnaces and coal and wood heating stoves.

On this day in 1963, workers in Urbana were clearing debris from the site of the Schnepf Hardware store, which was engulfed by fire the previous afternoon. Charles and Lowell Schnepf, owners of the business, immediately said they would rebuild as soon as possible.

Seven fire departments responded to the alarm, and firefighters were able to prevent the flames from spreading to other buildings. There was, however, smoke and water damage to the nearby Cyclone Manufacturing Company’s office building.

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GriefShare support group meets Wednesdays

GriefShare grief recovery support group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester. Participant workbooks can be purchased for \$15. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 260-982-2882.

AYC opens weekly after school program at a second location

Access Youth Center (AYC) has recently expanded to a second south side location for a weekly after school program. Food, games, homework help are available 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays at the main entrance of New Journey Church, formerly WC Mills School,

1721 N. Vernon St. It is a free program for students ages 8 to 18. Parents and guardians are also welcome.

Line Dance scheduled each Wednesday

Led by Sherry Wakefield at 8:45 a.m. every Wednesday, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Dancing that is both fun and free. No fee, no registration, just fun.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

DivorceCare to meet every Tuesday

DivorceCare, a 13-week

DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to a press release. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email of fice@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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Purdue University to offer free tampons, pads in bathrooms

WEST LAFAYETTE (AP) — Purdue University will offer free tampons and other feminine hygiene products in the campus’ bathrooms in response to student advocates who have been pushing for the move for three years.

University President Mitch Daniels on Thursday credited the University Senate, a faculty-led body, for proposing the initiative in a resolution that described feminine hygiene products as a basic necessity that should be in campus restrooms free of charge.

The measure was set to be voted on later this month, but Daniels obtained permission from the University Senate to go ahead and implement it.

“I think people will treat it responsibly,” Daniels told WLFI in an interview. “That’s what the Purdue family does.”

It’s not yet clear when the public university will stock its West Lafayette campus bathrooms with free pads, liners and tampons, a university spokesman said.

Alison Rickert, a junior studying neurobiology

and physiology at Purdue, founded The Period Project — an initiative aimed at providing menstrual products to those who need them both in and out of university walls. She said Purdue’s decision resulted from she and other students advocating for the same issue.

“We didn’t all know each other, necessarily,” Rickert said. “But we all were heading to the same place. That’s how movements happen, right?”

Audrey Ruple, chair of the University Senate’s Equity and Diversity Committee, said she expected pushback, but Daniels’ support reassured her.

“It’s a lot of work for someone and some money,” Rickert said Thursday. “But it’s happening. Finally. What a great day.”

The West Lafayette campus has more than 650 women’s and gender-neutral bathrooms in the academic and administration buildings, Purdue spokeswoman Rebecca Terry said. That number doesn’t include residence halls or athletic facilities.

Purdue develops ‘Boiler Bee Honey,’ made by local bees

By EMILY DELETTER
Journal & Courier

WEST LAFAYETTE — Hungry Purdue fans may know the university currently offers a slew of university-made and branded food and drink items, from the Boiler Black and Gold beers in collaboration with People’s Brewing Co. to the Boilermaker Butcher Block selling varieties of meat and dairy.

Now, fans buzzing for something sweeter can purchase Boiler Bee Honey, thanks to a collaboration between the university’s departments of food science and entomology.

This honey is collected

from local honey bees in the Purdue apiary, then processed and bottled in the food science pilot plant. The inaugural batch produced around 3,000 bottles taken from nearly 24,000 ounces of honey, according to information from Purdue.

The honey bees that created the nectar used in the product fed on wildflowers, which creates a distinct flavor. During its manufacturing, the honey was minimally processed, only adding small amounts of heat to promote its “flowability,” which allows the honey to be in its purest form, Erik Kurdelak, pilot plant manager, said.

The honey, which was cleaned and is not catego-

rized as a “raw” product, will appear cloudier than honey available for purchase in supermarkets but has a higher nutritive value, Kurdelak said.

The honey is available for purchase through the Boilermaker Butcher Block, in the Land O’ Lakes Center at 720 Clinic Drive on Purdue’s south campus. Proceeds from the sale of the honey, which is priced at \$5 a bottle, will help offset production costs and benefit continuing research in the food science and entomology departments.

Bulk orders of Boiler Bee Honey were also sold to Crasian Brewing Company in Brookston, Kurdelak said, which is developing a honey

Tripel style of beer.

From the idea’s conception to completion, Kurdelak said developing the honey has been a rewarding process, especially since it allowed the pilot plant to become officially licensed last summer through the Indiana State Department of Health to produce and sell honey.

The goal with Boiler Bee Honey, Kurdelak said, is to continue the project of developing and selling honey every year with a dedicated team, pouring any extra funds earned into bee research.

“It has been a tremendous group effort to get this going,” Kurdelak said. “Folks seem very excited to have this made available to them.”

Indiana man gets 35 years in the death of his ex’s daughter

BLUFFTON (AP) — A northeastern Indiana man has been sentenced to 35 years in prison after pleading guilty in the death of his former girlfriend’s 18-month-old daughter.

Brent C. Scheiber, 27, had been charged with murder, neglect of a dependent resulting in death and aggravated battery in the January 2019 death of Kamryn Price. But he pleaded guilty in December to the aggravated battery charge as part of an agreement under which prosecutors dismissed the other charges.

A Wells County judge sentenced the Ossian man on Thursday. Scheiber was the live-in boyfriend of the girl’s mother and often took care of the child, who was found

unresponsive in her mother’s Ossian home.

He told investigators that after he put the girl in her crib, he heard a noise coming from her room and found her face-down on the floor, according to court documents. Scheiber said she was limp and her eyes rolled back in her head when he picked her up. She died five days later.

Relatives, doctors and police said it was unlikely that Kamryn would have tried to climb from the crib, and Scheiber admitted as part of the plea agreement that he knowingly inflicted an injury that caused her death.

He has not said what he did to cause the child’s injuries, including bleeding on the brain.

Obituaries

Marcella Carol ‘Marcy’ Cooksey

Nov. 4, 1957 – Feb. 5, 2020

Marcella Carol “Marcy” Cooksey, 62, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 at her home. She was born Nov. 4, 1957 in Wabash, to Valon Vance and Martha C. (King) Dillingham. Marcy attended Southwood High School. She married Roger Cooksey in Kentucky on Oct. 18, 1990. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, flowers, and reading. She was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. Marcy loved her dogs and especially loved her family. She is survived by her husband, Roger Cooksey of Wabash, four children, Goldie Reynolds and Kristi Ferguson, both of Wabash, Scott (Tiffany) Cooksey of Akron, Indiana, and Kevin (Carrie) Cooksey of Silver Lake, Indiana, seven grandchildren, Megan (Cody) Teague of Anderson, Indiana, Mason Reynolds of Huntington, Indiana, Alyx (Steven) Lindsey of Silver



Lake, Ian Cooksey and Ella Cooksey, both of Akron, Blake Cooksey and Lillian Cooksey, both of Silver Lake, father, Valon Vance Dillingham of Wabash, three sisters, Connie Dillingham, Teresa (Nick) Westendorf, and Tonyia Dillingham, all of Wabash, and her brother, Rob Dillingham of Colorado. She was preceded in death by her mother, Martha C. Dillingham. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor John Cook officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4 – 8 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Animal Shelter of Wabash County. The memorial guest book for Marcy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Norman Bell

Sept. 25, 1938 – Feb. 6, 2020

Norman Bell, 81, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 12 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 at Bickford Cottage in Wabash, Indiana. He was born Sept. 25, 1938 in McCreary County, Kentucky to Elmer and Lillie (Dobbs) Bell. Norman married Barbara J. King in Jamestown, Tennessee on Jan. 25, 1957. He worked at Chrysler in Kokomo, Indiana, retiring after 20 years. Norman was a member of the Wabash First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, collecting arrowheads, and attending his grandkids sporting events and activities. He is survived by his wife, Barbara J. Bell, two children, Terry Bell and Tammy (Dan) Ford, all of Wabash, five grandchildren, Brooke Bell and Brad Bell, both of Wabash, Casey (Bobby) Biel of McCordsville, Indiana, Kristynne Ford and Katie Ford,



both of Wabash, and five great-grandchildren, Bryant Boggs, Bryleigh Boggs, and Kayden Bell, all of Wabash, Austin Biel and Tyler Biel, both of McCordsville. He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Randall Norman Bell, and three brothers, Tony Bell, Donald Bell, and Ervin Bell. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass Street, Wabash, with Pastors John Cook and Nathan Whybrew officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4 – 8 p.m. Monday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorial is Wabash High School Athletic Department Girls Tennis, Swim and Dive Team, and Boys Basketball. The memorial guest book for Norman may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Fletcher Allen Bozarth

Dec. 14, 1949 – Feb. 4, 2020



Fletcher Allen Bozarth, 70, of Lagro, Indiana, died at 4:50 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Indiana. He was born Dec. 14, 1949 in Wabash, Indiana to Rolland E. and Josephine (Calusio) Bozarth. Fletcher was a 1967 graduate of Southwood High School, and a 1969 graduate of the United Electronics Institute in Louisville, Kentucky, where he received his certificate in Electrical Engineering. He worked for Thompson Consumer Electronics, formerly RCA, in Carmel, Indiana from 1969 until his retirement in 2002, and also was the owner/operator of Bozarth’s Recreational Resort in Wabash County. Fletcher enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, cooking, grilling, his weekly euchre games, and bargain shopping. He is survived by three daughters, Laura (Dennis) Combs of New Whiteland, Indiana, Melinda (Scott) Gary of Trafalgar, Indiana, and Nickole (Joseph) Milewski of Franklin, five grandchildren, Corbin Combs of Indianapolis, Indiana, Lindsey Combs of New Whiteland, Maura Gary of Nashville, Tennessee, Madelyn Gary and Maci Gary, both of Trafalgar, two brothers, Jerry Murphy of Butler, Indiana, and Nathan (Peggy) Bozarth of Wabash, and four

sisters, Beverly (John) Lynn of Wabash, Darlene Adams and Pamela (Steve) Pershing, both of Lagro, Indiana, and Vivian (Dave) Wintrode of Summerville, South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Rev. Melissa Rice officiating. Burial will be in Center Grove Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4 – 8 p.m. Saturday, and one hour prior to the service Sunday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are Fletcher Bozarth Memorial Fishing Tournament, c/o Bozarth Recreational Resort, or the Indiana Donor Network, as Fletcher was a donor. The memorial guest book for Fletcher may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Randell Webb

Randell Webb, 74, North Manchester, Indiana, entered Heaven on Feb. 5, 2020 at 8:40 p.m. Randell Webb will be forever cherished by his wife, Rachel Webb; sons, Matthew (Pattie) Webb and Britain Webb; daughters, Tawn (Timothy) McLaughlin; Michelle (David) Dowd, and Taren (Clay) McCullough; sixteen grandchildren; and

eleven great-grandchildren. Family and friends may call Monday, Feb. 17, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 East 2nd Street, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Rev. Steve Bahrt will officiate. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Dale Alan Barlow

Feb. 14, 1959 – Feb. 3, 2020

Funeral Services for Dale Alan Barlow, 60, of rural Wabash, were 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 at Alliance Church, Wabash. Dale’s nephew, Pastor Nathan Barlow and Pastor Todd Render officiated, Dale’s son Kyle Barlow gave the eulogy. Pall-

bearers were Kyle Barlow, John Barlow, Jim Barlow, Tony Hough, Tyler Hough, Tony Hough, Kevan Barlow, and Jay Price. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Bad weather moves into Eastern states; 5 dead in South

By REBECCA REYNOLDS YONKER
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Extreme wind gusts, blowing snow and widespread flooding made traveling treacherous on Friday as a storm system moved into the northeastern United States, leaving rising water and at least five deaths in its wake across the South. More than 400,000 homes and businesses were without power Friday after the National Weather Service warned of gusts up to 60 mph from Virginia into New England. Falling trees damaged homes and power lines in many places. North Carolina and Virginia, where hundreds of people had to be pulled from flooded homes, had the most customers without electricity, according to power-outages.us. With water levels were rising fast after up to 8 inches of rain in just three days, the Tennessee Valley Authority said it began making controlled releases from some of its 49 dams in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina. That could lead to more flooding downstream, so people who live near the water should be wary, said James Everett, senior manager of the utility’s river forecast center in Knoxville, Tennessee. Creek water was still raging Friday in Alabama’s Buck’s Pocket State Park, where a person was seen inside a car as it disappeared under the surface two days earlier. Rangers walked for miles above the swollen creek but found no trace of the vehicle, so authorities sent up a state helicopter crew on Friday. “The weather is better, but the water is not. The water is several feet higher than normal. It’s extremely high and fast.” Alabama Trooper Chuck Daniel told The Associated Press. “Until that water slows down, nobody’s going to get in that water.” It took nearly three weeks last year to recover the body of an 18-year-old who was in a Jeep that got swept into the

water in the same area. The National Weather Service was using radar data and making damage assessments to confirm many reports of tornadoes touching down, including spots in Virginia and Maryland, near the nation’s capital, meteorologist Isha Renta told the AP. In the Tampa, Florida, area, tornadoes blew a tree onto a mobile home, trapping an elderly woman, and toppled a construction crane along interstate 275. The dangerous winds formed the leading edge of a band of weather that stretched from Tennessee to Maine on Friday, blowing snow into northern states. As much as 4 inches fell overnight in Ohio, contributing to car accidents in the Akron area, and the Ohio Department of Transportation urged people to make room for nearly 1,300 state crews working to improve the icy conditions. Up to 8 inches (of snow was predicted in West Virginia, and Gov. Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in Virginia, where he said more than 500 people had to be rescued from their homes as the waters rose. Citing floods, rain, snow, power outages or all of the above, many school districts canceled classes in state after state. Earlier, the weather destroyed mobile homes in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, caused mudslides in Tennessee and Kentucky and flooded communities that shoulder waterways across the Appalachian region. Authorities confirmed five storm-related fatalities, in Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. Anita Rembert was killed and her husband was injured, but their child and two grandchildren were unhurt as high winds destroyed two mobile homes near the town of Demopolis, Alabama, according to the county’s emergency management director, Kevin McKinney. They emerged to a scene littered with plywood, insulation, broken trees and twisted metal.

Cyborgs, trolls and bots: A guide to online misinformation

By DAVID KLEPPER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cyborgs, trolls and bots can fill the internet with lies and half-truths. Understanding them is key to learning how misinformation spreads online. As the 2016 election showed, social media is increasingly used to amplify false claims and divide Americans over hot-button issues including race and immigration. Researchers who study misinformation predict it will get worse leading up to this year’s presidential vote. Here’s a guide to understanding the problem:

Misinformation vs. Disinformation

Political misinformation has been around since before the printing press, but the internet has allowed falsehoods, conspiracy theories and exaggerations to spread faster and farther than ever. Misinformation is defined as any false information, regardless of intent, including honest mistakes or misunderstandings of the facts. Disinformation, on the other hand, typically refers to misinformation created and spread intentionally as a way to confuse or mislead. Misinformation and disinformation can appear in political ads or social media posts. They can include fake news stories or doctored videos. One egregious example of disinformation from last year was a video

of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that was slowed down to make her sound as if she was slurring her words. Research indicates that false claims spread more easily than accurate ones, possibly because they are crafted to grab attention. Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology analyzed more than 126,000 stories, some true and some false, that were tweeted millions of times from 2006 through the end of 2016. They found that misleading or incorrect stories traveled six times faster – and reached more people. Online misinformation has been blamed for deepening America’s political polarization and contributing to distrust in government. The risks were highlighted in 2016 when Russian trolls created fake accounts to spread and amplify social media posts about controversial issues.

War of the bots and cyborgs

The disposable foot soldiers in this digital conflict are bots. In the social media context, these autonomous programs can run accounts to spread content without human involvement. Many are harmless, tweeting out random poems or pet photos. But others are up to no good and designed to resemble actual users. One study by researchers at the University of Southern California analyzed election-related tweets sent from September and October

2016 and found that 1 in 5 were sent by a bot. The Pew Research Center concluded in a 2018 study that accounts suspected of being bots are responsible for as many as two-thirds of all tweets that link to popular websites. While flesh-and-blood Twitter users will often post a few times a day, about a variety of subjects, the most obvious bots will tweet hundreds of times a day, day and night, and often only on a specific topic. They are more likely to repost content rather than create something original. And then there’s the cyborg, a kind of hybrid account that combines a bot’s tirelessness with human subtlety. Cyborg accounts are those in which a human periodically takes over a bot account to respond to other users and to post original content. They are more expensive and time consuming to operate, but they don’t give themselves away as robots. “You can get a lot from a bot, but maybe it’s not the best quality,” said Emilio Ferrara, a data science researcher at the University of Southern California who co-wrote the study on Twitter bots. “The problem with cyborgs is they are much harder to catch and detect.”

Spot the bots

Bots can be hard to spot, even for the best researchers. “We have 12 ways that we spot a bot, and if we hit seven or eight of them we have pretty high confidence,” said

Graham Brookie, director of the Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensic Research Lab, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that studies connections between social media, cybersecurity and government. Nonetheless, Brookie recalled the case of a Twitter account from Brazil that was posting almost constantly – sometimes once per minute – and displayed other bot-like characteristics. And yet, “It was a little grandma, who said, ‘This is me!’” Their prevalence and the difficulty of identifying them has made bots into a kind of digital bogeyman and transformed the term into an insult, used to dismiss other social media users with different opinions. Michael Watsey, a 43-year-old New Jersey man who often tweets his support for President Donald Trump, said he has been repeatedly called a Russian bot by people he argues with online. The accusations prompted Twitter to temporarily suspend his account more than once, forcing him to verify he is a human. “All I’m trying to do is use my First Amendment right to free speech,” he said. “It’s crazy that it’s come to this.”

Trolls and sock puppets

The word troll once referred to beasts of Scandinavian mythology who hid under bridges and attacked travelers. Now it also refers to people who post online to provoke others, sometimes for their own amusement

and sometimes as part of a coordinated campaign. Sock puppets are another oddly named denizen of social media, in this case a type of imposter account. While some users may use anonymous accounts simply to avoid identifying themselves, sock-puppet accounts are used by the owner to attack their critics or praise themselves. In October, Utah Sen. Mitt Romney acknowledged operating a secret Twitter account under the name “Pierre Delecto,” which he used to defend himself against criticism.

Faked videos: Deep, cheap and shallow

Deepfakes are videos that have been digitally created with artificial intelligence or machine learning to make it appear something happened that did not. They are seen as an emerging threat, as improvements in video editing software make it possible for tricksters to create increasingly realistic footage of, say, former President Barack Obama delivering a speech he never made, in a setting he never visited. They are expensive and difficult to create – especially in a convincing way. Facebook announced last month that it would ban deepfake videos – with exceptions for satire. Beginning in March, Twitter will prohibit doctored videos, photography and audio recordings “likely to cause harm.” Material that is manipulated but isn’t neces-

sarily harmful may get a warning label. And YouTube bans “deceptive uses of manipulated media” that could pose serious risk of harm. By contrast, shallowfakes, cheapfakes or dumbfakes are videos that have been doctored using more basic techniques, such as slowing down or speeding up footage or cutting it. Examples include a doctored video posted by Britain’s Conservative Party before December’s U.K. election that made it seem like a Labour Party official was struggling to respond to a question about Brexit. Because they’re easy and inexpensive to make, cheapfakes can be every bit as dangerous as their fancier cousin, the deepfake. “Deepfakes are getting more realistic and easier to do,” said John Pavlik, a journalism professor at Rutgers University who studies how technology and the internet are changing communication habits. “But you don’t have to have special software to make these simpler ones.” Researchers who study Americans’ changing media habits recommend that people turn to a variety of sources and perspectives for their news, use critical thinking when evaluating information on social media, and think twice about reposting viral claims. Otherwise, they say, misinformation will continue to flow, and users will continue to spread it. “The only solution,” Ferrara said, “is education.”

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.
Isaiah 48:22

Democrats have a turnout problem

The 2020 campaign season is off to an inauspicious start for Democrats. Iowa’s reporting debacle has left Democrats without a clear result in their first nominating contest, sowing suspicions as to whether there will ever be an accurate count.

Things reached an extraordinary point on Thursday, with Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez calling for the Iowa Democratic Party to recanvass its results. Beyond the counting problems, Sen. Bernie Sanders’s rise means Democrats are facing the prospect of running in swing states with a socialist at the top of the ticket. Either that, or they will have to deny him the nomination in a way that will further inflame his passionate supporters, who already feel the 2016 primary was rigged against them.

But more ominous for Democrats is the mediocre turnout in the first nomination battle, which took place before anybody knew of the counting nightmare to come.

Back in 2008, Democrats were desperate to retake the White House after two terms of President George W. Bush, and they were inspired by Barack Obama’s message of hope and change. That

year, 240,000 Iowans came out to caucus as Obama bested Hillary Clinton and John Edwards en route to the presidency. Going into 2020, Democrats thought they had a chance to challenge that turnout record. All over the sate, they prepared for turnout that would meet or exceed the 2008 numbers. Instead, the turnout was in line with the tepid 170,000 number from 2016.

But that alone understates the problem. For in 2016, there were effectively only two competitive candidates, and the contest took place the eighth and final year of a Democratic presidency. Partisans should have, in theory, been less energized than they are now, given that they have a hated Republican president to remove.

Yet turnout proved disappointing – despite the urgency of defeating Trump; despite dozens of Democratic candidates crisscrossing Iowa; despite tens of millions of dollars spent to drive turnout; despite saturation media coverage of the caucuses in the state. Consider that Pete Buttigieg’s final rally before voting attracted 400 members of the media. Also, for the first time, the Democratic Party allowed Iowans temporarily living

in other states or abroad to participate in “satellite caucuses.” It wasn’t enough to increase turnout over 2016.

The leading campaigns boasted of sophisticated turnout operations with armies of volunteers. The Sanders campaign alone claimed it had knocked on 500,000 doors just in January. In the run-up to the campaign, Sanders tried to fight back against establishment Democrats, who argue that he’d lose a general election because his radicalism would turn off swing voters. “Our campaign is the campaign of energy, is the campaign of excitement, is the campaign that can bring millions of people into the political process who normally do not vote,” he said, arguing that he was the one who could beat President Trump.

And on the night of the caucuses, the campaigns could not have asked for better weather. In Des Moines, it was not snowing, the roads were not icy, and temperatures were in the 30s, which could be considered balmy for Iowa in February.

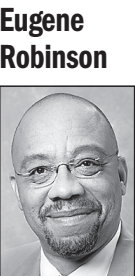
Yet they couldn’t boost turnout beyond that of 2016.

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Michael Bloomberg won the Iowa caucuses

The Democratic candidate who gained the most from the unmitigated debacle in Iowa is not Pete Buttigieg or Bernie Sanders, though both have claimed victory there. The biggest winner was Michael Bloomberg.

The billionaire former New York mayor entered the race with a novel strategy of skipping the first four states, hoping the results were a discouraging muddle, and using television ads and paid campaign staff to put himself in contention on Super Tuesday. This approach was, and remains, a real longshot. But the morning after the Iowa fiasco, Bloomberg announced he would double his spending on television ads, which had already approached saturation levels. He does



Eugene Robinson

not have a reputation for knowingly throwing good money after bad. The impossible now looks merely improbable.

From Bloomberg’s point of view, the campaign thus far has gone better than he had a right to hope. His stated thesis for his campaign is that President Trump must be defeated at all costs and that none of the other candidates is likely to beat him. He hopes to sell himself as the genuine article to Trump’s fakery: an actual billionaire with the management skills to turn the country around. If one of the candidates who competed in Iowa were emerging as a strong front-runner, Bloomberg could look more like a self-indulgent ego-tripper than a potential savior. But that hasn’t happened. And the chaos in the Democratic Party and Trump’s White House are making Bloomberg’s argument for him.

In a misguided attempt to make the caucus process more transparent and efficient, Democratic Party officials in Iowa inadvertently made it into an embarrassing display of dysfunction. They altered procedures that Iowa voters were accustomed to, and not everybody understood the new rules. They made it unclear how victory would ultimately be measured. Most fatefully, they threw an untested cellphone app into the mix. What could possibly go wrong?

The one reliable result thus far from Iowa is that turnout at the caucuses – which state party officials had predicted could set records – was middling at best. If Iowans were excited about this field, they sure didn’t show it. Beyond that, we know that Sanders and Buttigieg did well in Iowa, Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden did poorly, Amy Klobuchar lived to fight another day, and nobody had to drop out. If Iowa’s job was to clarify this race, it failed.

Three full days later, results were still trickling in. The vote-counting was so chaotic and uncertain, and so many problems with the data have been reported, that Democratic National Committee chairman Tom Perez called on the Iowa state party to “immediately begin a recanvass.” Perhaps we will know who won before Tuesday’s primary in New Hampshire. Perhaps not.

And last week in Washington, President Trump illustrated the stakes of the election. On Tuesday, Trump gave a State of the Union address that was an appalling mixture of bombast, mendacity and reality-television shtick. On Wednesday, Trump was acquitted in his Senate impeachment trial, with all Democrats but only one Republican, Mitt Romney of Utah, voting to remove him from office. And on Thursday, Trump invited loyal supporters to the White House for a victory celebration, claiming total vindication in a sometimes profane stream-of-consciousness rant that was anything but presidential.

The question for Democrats is an urgent one: Coming out of Iowa, do they see a candidate who can beat this man?

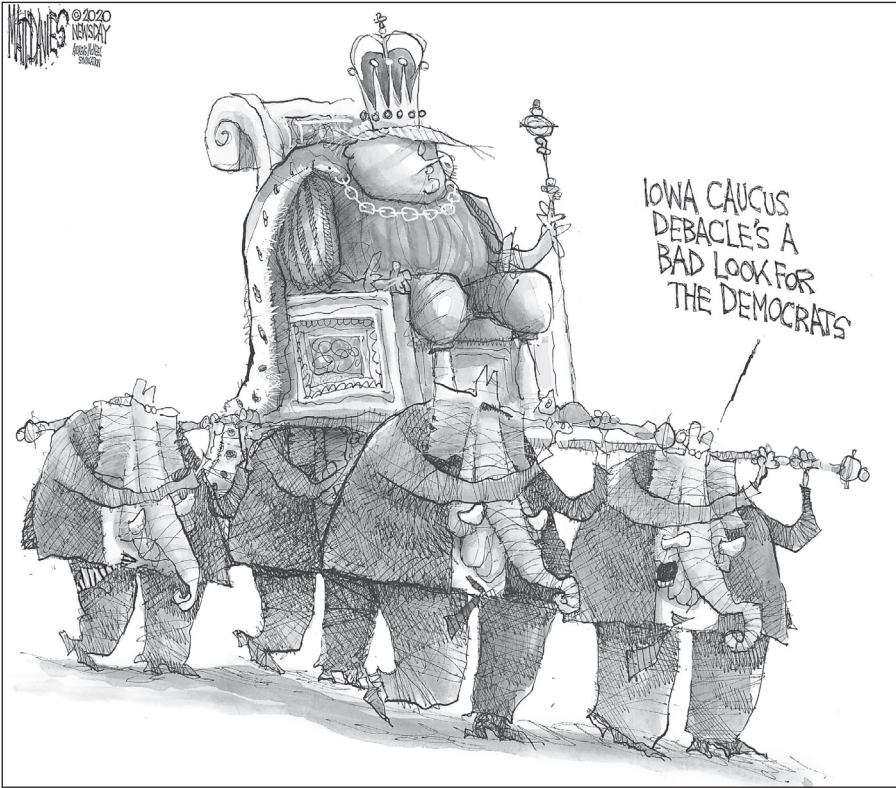
Biden faces questions about whether he has the vigor to prosecute a bruising general election campaign. Buttigieg’s experience in government consists of having been mayor of the fourth-largest city in Indiana.

Warren sorely needs a fundraising boost. Klobuchar finished a strong fifth, if there is such a thing as a strong fifth, but Iowa looked like her best shot for vaulting into the top tier, and she couldn’t make the leap. That leaves Sanders, who has the money and organization to win in New Hampshire and perhaps get on a roll. But the Democratic Party establishment, or what’s left of it, worries that Trump would successfully demonize him as some sort of latter-day Bolshevik.

Which brings me back to Bloomberg, whose campaign operation with its “sheer size and machine-like efficiency” is a sharp contrast to the utter shambles in Iowa. It is hard to imagine a party that includes Sanders and Warren coming together behind a mega-billionaire. It is hard to imagine a party that believes income inequality is a critical problem coming together behind one of the 10 wealthiest individuals on the planet. It is hard to imagine a party so reliant on African American turnout coming together behind the man responsible for stop-and-frisk.

After Iowa, though, it’s a bit easier.

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What provocations have provoked in Spain

Two Spanish factions – the far left, whose agenda includes cultural aggression, and Catalonia’s secessionists – are playing with fire. Santiago Abascal is the fire.

His party’s name – Vox (Voice) – proclaims that it exists to speak for those who think that their beliefs have become not just embattled but unutterable. Those beliefs – about nationalism, marriage, immigration, schooling and even bullfighting and hunting – have lost ground in the democratic competition of Spain’s rowdy marketplace of ideas. This does not assuage their sense of grievance because they think the public forum unfairly privileges other voices. Sound familiar, America?

Vox is a counteroffensive that probably will, and perhaps should, mostly fail in cultural matters. But the party might serve Spain’s democratic stability as a safety valve for venting disappointments.

Normal political preoccupations – economics, health care, etc. – have been for Vox markedly less salient than the challenge to Spain’s unity coming from one of Spain’s 17 regions. In the 2016 general election, Vox won just 0.2 percent of the vote. But Catalonia’s illegal independence referendum of Oct. 1, 2017, ignited indignation that propelled Vox from the fringe to the center of Spanish politics. Today it has the third-most seats in parliament.

With piercing eyes, a trim beard and a rapid-fire delivery of his molten convictions, Abascal, 43, has the charisma of indignation incarnate. His bodyguards now function partly to fend off enthusiastic supporters, but he has had

protection since he was 18 and his parents were targeted by Basque separatists who burned their store. Basque terrorists killed more than 850 people in a failed campaign to fracture the nation.

Striding across his office to this nation’s flag, he explains Spain’s long-standing unity as attested by the flag’s complex coat of arms. No nation’s politics are more history-haunted than Spain’s. An early clash of civilizations between Christendom and Islam occurred on the Iberian peninsula. As Tobias Buck writes in his 2019 book “After the Fall: Crisis, Recovery and the Making of a New Spain,” Spain’s golden age was 500 years ago. Spain’s 19th century began with the Napoleonic wars’ hideous carnage and ended with the humiliation of the Spanish-American war of 1898. The viciousness of the 1936-39 civil war was followed by the suffocation of politics, and as Buck says, when the dictator Francisco Franco died in 1975, “Spain formed part of Europe in geographical terms only.”

Today, Spain has the Eurozone’s fourth largest economy, with a per capita income approaching Italy’s. Spain’s population of 40 million in 1999 became 47 million by 2010, almost entirely because of immigration: Non-Spaniards increased eightfold, from 750,000 to 5.75 million – from 2 percent to more than 12 percent of the population, an amazing influx amazingly well accommodated. The percentage of Spaniards wanting fewer immigrants is Europe’s lowest; the percentage wanting more is Europe’s highest. If Vox were primarily selling xenophobia, it would not matter.

Here, as in America, schools cause resentments: Abascal seethes about the way he says young Spaniards are taught their nation’s history as a series of atrocities and

debacles – that Iberia was harmonious until the 700-year Christian “Reconquista” against Islam; Spain’s overseas undertakings brought only disease and despoliation to the New World; all was well in the 20th century until the military and the right rose against the republic in 1936.

Many of Abascal’s rhetorical flights – against the European Union’s “globalists” (although Vox does not advocate Spain exiting the EU), against Spaniards “threatening to impoverish and Islamicize us,” against “supremacist feminism,” etc. – do not resonate with the nation’s temperate majority. And the leader of the impeccably respectable center-right People’s party has accused Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez of being “the Trojan Horse” to “destroy the state” because Sanchez this month formed his coalition government relying on Catalan and Basque separatist parties. His main coalition party is as far left as Vox is right.

Like many evangelical Christians recoiling against American cultural ferments, many Vox voters are disoriented by Spain’s transformation, which has been swift and accompanied by minimal rancor. Spain was among the first nations to adopt same-sex marriage – in 2005, and not, as in the United States in 2015, by judicial fiat but by legislation. Spain abolished capital punishment before France did.

Abascal is not the cause of Spain’s social fissures any more than Donald Trump caused America’s. In democracies, when a substantial faction of voters has been provoked, this will bring forth provocative leaders. But temperate Spain is not dry tinder that will catch fire from sparks coming off Abascal’s flinty persona.

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Aide who testified against Trump escorted out of White House

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The decorated soldier and national security aide who played a central role in the Democrats’ impeachment case against President Donald Trump was escorted out of the White House complex on Friday, according to his lawyer, who said he was asked to leave in retaliation for “telling the truth.”

“The truth has cost Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman his job, his career, and his privacy,” David Pressman, an attorney for Vindman, said in a statement.

“He did what any member of our military is charged with doing every day: he followed orders, he obeyed his oath, and he served his country, even when doing so was fraught with danger and personal peril,” Pressman said. “And for that, the most powerful man in the world — buoyed by the silent, the pliable, and the complicit — has decided to exact revenge.”

The White House did not respond to Pressman’s accusation.

“We do not comment on personnel matters,” said John Ulyot, spokesman for the National Security Council, the foreign policy arm of the White House where Vindman was an expert on Ukraine.

Vindman’s status had been uncertain since he testified that he didn’t think it was “proper” for Trump to “demand that a foreign government investigate” former Vice President Joe Biden and his son’s dealings with the energy company Burisma in Ukraine. Vindman’s ouster, however, seemed imminent after Trump mocked him Thursday during his post-acquittal celebration with Republican supporters in the East Room and said Friday that he was not happy with

him.

“I’m not happy with him,” Trump told reporters on the South Lawn of the White House. “You think I’m supposed to be happy with him? I’m not. ... They are going to be making that decision.”

Vindman, a 20-year Army veteran, wore his uniform full of medals, including a purple heart, when he appeared late last year for what turned out to be a testy televised impeachment hearing. Trump supporters raised questions about the Soviet Jewish immigrant’s allegiance to the United States and noted that he had received offers to work for the government of Ukraine — offers Vindman said he swiftly dismissed.

“I am an American,” he stated emphatically.

When the senior Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Devin Nunes, addressed him as “Mr. Vindman,” the Iraq War veteran replied: “Ranking member, it’s Lt. Col. Vindman please.”

The statement from Vindman’s lawyer did not say whether he would be reassigned to the Defense Department where he worked before being detailed to the White House.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper was asked what the Pentagon would do to ensure that Vindman faces no retribution if he is reassigned to the Pentagon. “We protect all of our service members from retribution or anything like that,” Esper said. “We’ve already addressed that in policy and other means.”

Esper referred questions about Vindman’s next assignment to Army officials.

Pressman released a one-page statement claiming that Vindman was among a handful of men and women who courageously “put their faith in country ahead of fear” but have “paid a price.”

MARIJUANA

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But by that time he had already formed his organization and begun advocating. He now travels the state, and the country, carrying the message and learning from others.

As he was getting started, he said, lawmakers also began questioning and trying to come to terms with the opioid crisis in the United States.

He said he believed that rolling back the rate at which such drugs are prescribed was a good step.

“But if you don’t have a beneficial alternative in place you are going to have chaos,” he said.

“That’s why I came out, you know, (to) treat this as a medicine,” he added later. He is not alone.

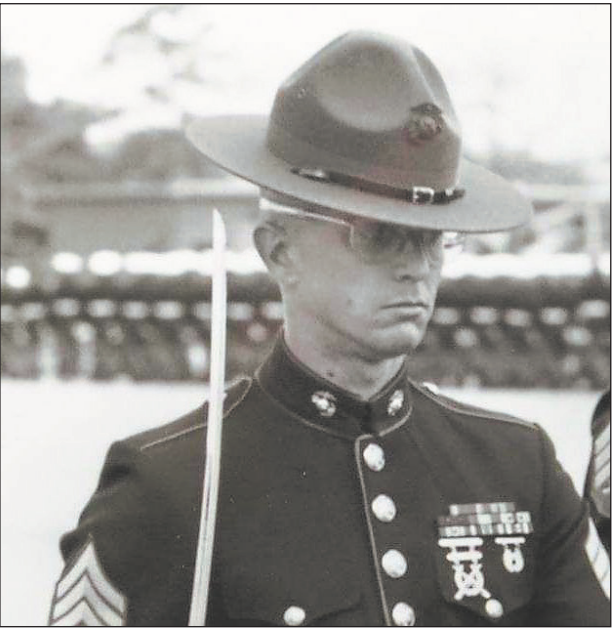
Democratic lawmakers in the state have floated several bills this legislative session looking to soften laws.

One such bill, Senate Bill 86, authored by State Sen. Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis), provides a defense for the possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, as long as the person has an authorized prescription for medical marijuana or has been certified by a physician for treatment with marijuana.

At the time that Taylor announced the bill’s introduction, the senator also spoke out against Republican State Sen. Mike Young’s bill, SB 436, that would give the Indiana Attorney General the power to prosecute marijuana cases in counties where local prosecutors have chosen not to prosecute such cases.

That latter bill passed out of committee earlier this week.

At a rally at the Statehouse in early January, Senate Democratic Chair Karen Tallian (D-Ogden Dunes), who herself sponsored a bill



Submitted photo

Another photo of Staker from his time in the U.S. Marine Corps.

this year aimed at marijuana laws, told those gathered that they were going to have to be patient for change.

“I will be very honest with you, we are not going to get marijuana legalized in this Statehouse this year,” she said. “It’s not going to happen, but we’re pushing. And you have to keep doing things one step at a time, one foot in front of the other. I’ve been taking baby steps for the past 10 years. We’re still doing it. Talk to your legislators especially the ones in the Republican Party.”

Staker was at that rally, as was Leland Brown, another local, retired veteran who serves as one of several contacts with the Indiana Chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML, that the organization now has in counties around the state.

Brown, who spoke with the Tribune in January about his activism, said it was Staker’s early efforts in the arena that helped get him involved.

“He is one of the main things that me into this,” he said.

Staker said he is going

to continue his work and rattled off a series of dates he had planned in the coming days and weeks where he was scheduled to speak or participate in various events.

In those travels, he says he continues to meet people with similar experiences as his, which suggests to him that support for what he is trying to do is growing.

“I have a lot of veterans coming up to me and they want to know how they can do it,” he said.

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Chiefs fan says he took 'NFL hit' in parking meter collision

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Kansas City Chiefs fan said he took a “professional NFL hit” when he slammed into a parking meter while trying to catch a pass from quarterback Patrick Mahomes during the team’s Super Bowl victory parade.

LaRue Bell, 43, whose collision was caught on video, told The Kansas City Star that the pass was intended for him but that the parking meter denied him the opportunity Wednesday.

“That was my Super Bowl,” said Bell, who acknowledged he was feeling a little sore when he arrived Thursday at his job with National Beef Leathers in St. Joseph, where he noticed coworkers laughing at the video of the failed pass on social media.

He soon learned millions of others also were watching it online. Even Mahomes checked in on Twitter, asking “Yo is the dude who hit the parking meter okay.”

The video also shows the ball tip the top of a truck, with police standing in the back.

“All they did,” Bell said, “is point and laugh.”

The impact shattered his wife’s phone, which was in his coat. And the ball was scooped up by another fan who sped away with the souvenir. “That pole,” he said, “was not forgiving at all.”

Pederson loses in salary arbitrations, owners now lead 3-0

PHOENIX (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers beat outfielder Joc Pederson in salary arbitration, giving teams a 3-0 record in hearings this year. Pederson will be paid \$7.75 million, while he had sought a raise from \$5 million to \$9.5 million. The decision Friday came while the Dodgers have been trying to work out a trade to send Pederson to the Angels.

The Dodgers went to their first arbitration case since defeating reliever Joe Beimel in 2007. The hearing was held before Elizabeth Neumeier, Walt De Treux and Howard Edelman.

Pederson hit a career-high 36 home runs last season and improved defensively. The 27-year-old left-handed hitter did not have a homer off a left-handed pitcher.

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Wabash's Trenton Daughtry (22) drives into the paint during the second half of Thursday's game against Tippecanoe Valley.

Daughtry lifts Apaches past Vikings in 55-46 win

By JACOB RUDE
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Wabash’s Trenton Daughtry was far from 100 percent on Thursday at home against Tippecanoe Valley. But he was everything the Apaches needed him to be.

After missing a week of practice and Wabash’s most recent game against Southern Wells last weekend, a still limited Daughtry willed the Apaches to a win, tying his career-high with 35 points in a 55-46 win.

“Whenever you play Tippecanoe Valley, they do a great job in all facets but their defense, they’re physical and it’s hard to score,” Wabash head coach Paul Wright said. “We knew... we were just going to have

to out-grind them. They’re a good team. It was a fun game to be apart of, I think. People enjoyed the game. But that’s exactly how we thought the game was going to go, just a grind-it-out game and we’ve won three or four of those this year, so that’s good. It was nice to come out with a big win.”

Daughtry wasn’t the only one battling illness as several Apaches had missed practice in the last week. But with a Three Rivers Conference title still to defend this season, everyone was active for Wabash on the night even if most were still under the weather.

“Trenton’s practiced once since last Thursday,” Wright said. I thought he played excellent for being as sick as he was. He didn’t play

against Southern Wells. He had one practice yesterday. We had Dereck (Vogel) sick two days ago, Bryant Boggs has been sick for three days. Kallen Kelsheimer’s been sick. We’ve had a lot of guys sick this week. Those guys gutted it out for us.”

The only run from either side of note came in the first period. The Vikings opened up with the first seven points of the game on a three-point shot from DJ Estep and baskets from Tanner Trippiedi and Dawson Perkins.

Daughtry scored the next five points of the game as part of a 10-0 run that also featured a three-point play from Joe Leland and a layup from Dereck Vogel as the Apaches grabbed back the lead.

From there, the lead

swapped sides for the rest of the half with 10 total lead changes in the first and second period. Nolan Cumberland and Estep gave the guests a 12-10 lead after one quarter before the teams traded baskets to start the second.

A pair of free throws from Daughtry to give his side a 17-14 lead started a run for the senior guard of 13 straight points to close the half for Wabash. But foul trouble to Elijah Vander Velden allowed the Vikings to take advantage in the paint and answer each Daughtry basket as a late three-point shot from Paul Leasure for the Vikings allowed Wabash to take just a 28-27 lead into the locker room at halftime.

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Johnson drops ‘Chasing 8’ motto before final NASCAR season

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jimmie Johnson has been chasing NASCAR history for so long that his relentless pursuit of rewriting the record books has become part of his legacy.

Johnson, tied with Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt with seven Cup Series titles, has been racing for sole possession of the record since 2017. He made a hashtag for his social media posts – #Chasing8 – and his push to make history has never wavered.

As he heads into his 19th and final full season in stock car racing, Johnson has dropped the motto. He’d love to close his full-time career with a record eighth title, but the 44-year-old Californian said he would rather remove self-inflicted pressure and enjoy his final season in the No. 48 Chevrolet.

His new motto will be ‘One Final Time’ and it begins Saturday with practice at Daytona International Speedway. The season-opening Daytona 500, a race Johnson has won twice, is Feb. 16.

“Through reflecting back since I made the (November retirement) announcement it just kind of dawned on me – the more I thought about it, I never chased anything,” Johnson said. “One final time just felt like the correct thing to say and now we’ve struck the chasing eight from everything and one final time just fits well.”

It’s been a bumpy ride for Johnson since winning his seventh title. Hendrick Motorsports stalwarts Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. retired, leaving Johnson as the veteran on a team of 20-somethings. Chevrolet was not competitive with the Camaro it rolled out two years ago, a setback for Johnson and an organization in a rebuild.

The slide was gradual – Johnson won three races in 2017 – but now the winningest driver of his era is in a full slump. He has gone two full seasons without a win, missed the playoffs last year for the first time and had a pair of crew chief changes.

“It was definitely frustrating (not making the playoffs), I was angry, embarrassed, all of those things,” Johnson said. “One thing

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Bulldog tough: Gritty No. 19 Butler reaching new highs

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Butler coach LaVall Jordan proudly wears an old-school message across his chest.

The words on his blue, long-sleeve shirt read simply, “Gritty not pretty.”

To Jordan, the philosophy means as much now as when he first adopted it playing for the Bulldogs in the late 1990s. As an assistant coach in the mid 2000s, Jordan spent five more seasons instilling those values in Butler players.

When Jordan took the head coaching job at his alma mater three years ago, there was little doubt he’d make it fashionable again.

“When you think of Butler,

back in the day, that’s what it was,” he said. “Our defense is a point of pride, so you’ve got to embrace it. I think guys have. You’ve got to know who you are, embrace that and try to be as good as you can at it every single day.”

Returning to the notion of basic, blue-collar basketball certainly has made a difference.

A year ago, the Bulldogs lost five games by five or fewer points, suffered two more overtime defeats, finished in a three-way tie for last in the Big East and endured their first losing season since 2013-14.

This year, Butler (18-5, 6-4 Big East) is 5-2 in close games, already has surpassed last season’s victory

total and returned to the AP Top 25.

Jordan knows why: Stinginess.

Nobody understands how the concept helped Butler better than Jordan who, in four seasons, helped the program begin its ascension with three conference championships, four postseason appearances and its first NCAA Tournament victory in 39 years. Jordan played with a group of talented ball-handlers, potent 3-point shooters, skilled defenders and teammates willing to scuff up their knees.

Two years later, as part of coach Todd Lickliter’s staff, Jordan was around for the Bulldogs’ first Sweet Sixteen trip in 41 years. He also watched from afar as Brad

Stevens stuck to the same script when the Bulldogs reached national championship games in 2010 and 2011.

And it’s still working.

A month ago, the Bulldogs climbed as high as No. 5 – a school record – and suddenly emerged in the conversation about possible No. 1 seeds. Three straight losses ended that but the Bulldogs rebounded with back-to-back come-from-behind wins. On Wednesday with their top defender and starting point guard, Aaron Thompson, back for the first time in four games, they got back to work and beat No. 10 Villanova on Kamar Baldwin’s buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

“Physically, they were tougher than us,” said coach

Jay Wright, who has won two national championships with the Wildcats.

Style points have never mattered much to the Bulldogs, who prefer digging in, digging down and digging out.

Here, stingy defense and boxing out are long-established trademarks of their most successful seasons, a perfect fit in the rugged Big East. When things get ugly on the court, Butler knows how to clean up.

“It’s doing whatever it takes to win. It might not always be pretty,” senior swingman Sean McDermott said. “It might not be scoring 30 points in five minutes, but it’s getting stops when you

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Cavaliers believe trade for All-Star Drummond was ‘steal’

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The victories have been scarce for the Cavaliers this season, overwhelmed by so many ugly losses, so many unwatchable moments.

However, they’re certain they won the NBA trading deadline. Landing two-time All-Star Andre Drummond is a huge get.

“For what they gave up, it’s a (blanking) steal,” said Tristan Thompson, using a profanity to emphasize his point.

Unexpectedly, the Cavs finalized their trade for Drummond, the league’s leading rebounder at 15.8 boards per game in the final hour before Thursday’s deadline, completing a deal nobody had on their radar. Cleveland sent guard Brandon Knight, forward John Henson and one of its second-round draft picks in 2023 to the Detroit Pistons for the 26-year-old Drummond, one of the game’s best all-around centers.

“He plays extremely hard and has crazy production,” Cavs star forward Kevin Love said Friday after practice. “It makes us competitive. We added an All-Star level player. He’s a versatile big who can do a lot of things for us.”

General manager Koby Altman wasn’t necessarily

in the market for another front court player, not with Thompson, Love and Larry Nance Jr. already on the roster. But he said the chance to add a player of Drummond’s caliber, a versatile, rebounding machine and proven veteran who will make the Cavs’ younger players better immediately and perhaps in the future, was too enticing.

“He just gives us a dimension we haven’t had in quite some time,” Altman said on a conference call. “We just thought it was an unbelievable opportunity for our franchise and for our players to play alongside Andre. We’ve been through a lot of battles with him over the years and in the playoffs.

“This is a player we’ve always coveted and to have the opportunity to add him to the Cavs was an opportunity we didn’t think we could pass up.”

Drummond was on his way to Cleveland while his new teammates worked out Friday. He’s expected to meet with the media on Saturday and make his debut Sunday night at home against the Los Angeles Clippers.

His arrival is a much needed spark for the young Cavs, who at 13-39 have the Eastern Conference’s worst record under first-year coach John Beilein. Cleveland has been mired in a prolonged funk for six weeks. The Cavs have lost 11 straight

games at home and dropped 12 of 13 overall.

With Drummond now part of the mix, Altman views the team’s final 30 games as a chance to further develop the Cavs’ core of young players like Nance, second-year guard Collin Sexton and rookies Darius Garland and Kevin Porter Jr.

“I think we are going to evolve as an even more dangerous offensive team,” Altman said. “The same thing on the other side of the ball. With Kevin Love playing with Andre, there’s a lot of high-low opportunities and we think they fit and complement each other really well and so let’s see how this partnership works out.

“But it doesn’t change what we’re doing. We’re still in the mode of player development. This is just an additive piece to help with that.”

Drummond holds a \$28.7 million player option for next season, and the Cavs are expecting him to exercise it and be part of at least their short-term future – and potentially part of their long-term plans.

“There’s no better money spent than on Andre Drummond if he picks up his player option,” Altman said. “We have flexibility and optionality moving forward, but these next 30 games or so, I think he’s really going to enjoy playing with our guards and Kevin Love as well.

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that helped me with all of it is it didn’t happen at once. I knew in my heart of hearts, it was months prior to that where the real opportunity lied and where we missed it.”

Team owner Rick Hendrick hired Chad Knaus in 2001 when he launched the 48 team to be built around Johnson, and the driver and crew chief were together for all seven championships and 17 seasons. Then Hen-

drick made a change before last year, moving Knaus to William Byron’s team; his replacement didn’t work out and Johnson was given Cliff Daniels midseason.

Daniels has helped Johnson relax and believes the team is headed in the right direction. In fact, pairing Johnson with Daniels was the catalyst in Johnson deciding to make 2020 his final year. He knew all of last year he’d need to make a decision on contract talks with Hendrick and it weighed on Johnson until Daniels arrived and changed the mindset of a struggling driver.

“I was thinking about it pretty hard through the course of the year knowing I was going to have to talk to Rick about a contract extension. I started feeling less likely to come back when I started working with Cliff,” Johnson said. “When I sat Cliff down to talk to him, I wasn’t sure how he was going to react to that. But the peace he brought me and the leadership he has for our race team and where I know our team is going really helped me identify with 2020 as probably my best chance to win a championship.”

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have to, diving on the floor for loose balls, winning all those little possessions that people don’t realize are so important to the outcome of the game.”

The Bulldogs finished the 2003 and 2010 seasons ranked ninth nationally in scoring defense. They started this week eighth in scoring defense (59.9 points), and 39th in turnovers (11.7).

Other factors just show up on tape and there are plenty of examples over the years:

■ There was the time the late Joel Cornette soaked his sneakers by knocking over a water cooler trying to save the ball in the 2003 tourney. Rob Walls took off his size 15 sneakers and handed them to Cornette so he could help

close out the second-round upset of Louisville.

■ In the 2010 title game, the Bulldogs came inches away from upsetting Duke as Matt Howard’s screen at mid-court gave Gordon Hayward a clean look on the buzzer-beating heave.

■ One year later, in the regional final against Pittsburgh, it was Howard who grabbed a rebound underneath his own basket and alertly drew a foul with 0.8 seconds left. He made the tie-breaking free throw before intentionally missing the second shot to run out the clock.

“It’s fun,” Baldwin said when asked about the style. “I just embraced the grind. It wasn’t fun at first, but it’s been tremendous.”

The Bulldogs have held foes to 37.8 percent shooting from the field, 13th national-

ly, and seven teams haven’t topped 55 points. Nine more teams have been limited to 65 or fewer points.

With wins over Minnesota, Missouri, Stanford, Ole Miss, Florida, Purdue, Marquette, Creighton and now Villanova, along with a 53-52 loss at top-ranked Baylor, the Bulldogs already have a terrific NCAA tourney resume and are currently No. 12 in the NET rankings.

It hasn’t always been pretty. But many believe Jordan has created a real masterpiece.

“I’ve watched a lot of basketball over the 37 years I’ve been doing this,” Creighton coach Greg McDermott said after Butler shut down his high-scoring offense in a 71-57 loss in January. “There aren’t many teams I’ve seen as connected, on both ends of the floor, as they are.”

a pair of free throws before a thunderous two-handed dunk in traffic from Holley late in the period sent Wabash into the fourth with a 41-37 lead.

Daughtry re-established his dominance in the fourth, scoring Wabash’s first eight points of the half as the lead grew to 10 points at 49-39. The only points from anyone not named Daughtry in the final frame was Vogel, who drew a foul while converting a layup before missing the freebie.

Despite Daughtry’s relentless drives to the rim that ended in either layups or free throws, the Vikings continued to find answers and trailed by only five points after a jumper from Leasure. Daughtry, who played the near entirety of the game, left the door open for Tippecanoe Valley with missed free throws down the stretch. But the Vikings traded those missed free throws with turnovers and never closed the gap further than the five points.

In total, Daughtry scored 12 of the 14 Apache points

while going 13-of-17 from the line on the night and 9-of-15 from the field for his 35 total points.

“When you have a good player like that, you’re able to get on his back,” Wright said of Daughtry. “He did that at the regionals last year. That’s probably his best game in a couple weeks. Maybe he should be sick more often,” he jokingly added.

“But they were taking away Jasper. He had a big game at Southern Wells. Elijah takes some pressure off of him. We have good players around him to be able to open up (the court). Tonight, he was finishing well. Trenton did a good job of staying within himself and he hit some big shots for us.”

No other Apache had more than Holley’s six points. Vogel added five. Vander Velden was limited to three points, five rebounds and five blocks.

Wabash improves to 12-3 overall and 6-0 in the conference. The Apaches will be off until Friday when they travel to Rochester.

MLB mulls live video limits, may rule on Red Sox next week

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Major League Baseball intends to impose new limits on what live video is available to teams, and Commissioner Rob Manfred hopes to complete his investigation into alleged electronic sign stealing by the Boston Red Sox before spring training camps open next week.

“I think you should assume that before the season starts we will have new guidelines with respect to the use of video equipment,” Manfred said Thursday after an owners meeting. “I think we have too much video available in real time right now.”

After former Houston pitcher Mike Fiers told The Athletic in November that the Astros used a video camera to steal the signs of opposing catchers in 2017 and 2018, Manfred last month suspended Houston manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow for one season, fined the Astros \$5 million and stripped them of their first- and second-round drafts picks in 2020 and 2021.

Hinch and Luhnow were fired the same day, and the scandal led to the departures of Boston manager Alex Cora, Houston’s bench coach during its 2017 title run, and New York Mets manager Carlos Beltrán, an Astros player that season.

MLB is investigating a separate allegation the Red Sox broke sign-stealing rules in 2018, when Cora led Boston to the championship in his first season as manager.

“I’m hopeful that I can get Boston done before the camps open,” said Manfred, with workouts to start Wednesday.

Manfred did not punish any Houston players and said no Red Sox players will be sanctioned. But he left open the possibility of discipline for future violations.

“We have the right to discipline players right now. I’m absolutely convinced of that fact,” he said. “We made a decision in the Houston investigation that in order for us to get the facts that we needed, somebody had to get immunity.”

He was not disappointed by the reluctance of current Astros players to apologize.

“I think the jury’s still out on exactly what the Houston players are going to say,” he said, pointing toward spring training as the possible time and place for contrition.

Baseball has looked at earpieces as a way to avoid the use of signs but determined it would be impractical. While football uses earpieces, helmets are much larger than baseball caps.

“It’s much harder to design an earpiece that would be comfortable for players to wear in lieu of signs,” he said, adding, “it’s hard to be as fast as hand signals.”

Astros owner Jim Crane did not attend the meetings. He is playing in the Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament along with pitcher Justin Verlander this weekend.

On other matters:

METS SALE

Manfred says talks have ended over the proposed sale of a controlling share of the New York Mets from the families of Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz to hedge fund manager Steven Cohen.

COMPUTERIZED PLATE UMPIRES

Manfred said the automated balls and strikes system will have to be negotiated with the players’ union before it is used in the major leagues. MLB is using the system at nine ballparks of the Class A Florida State League this year and will test it during big league spring training without using it in exhibition games.

“It’s fair to assume that we’re going to continue to

test at increasingly significant levels of play to make sure we’ve got it right before we bring it to the major leagues,” he said.

OLYMPICS

Manfred said MLB was discussing whether to make some 40-man roster players available for the Americas Olympic qualifying tournament in Arizona from March 22-26.

“The timing’s a little difficult there,” he said.

Using a team with no 40-man players and few top prospects, the U.S. was three outs from qualifying at the Premier12 tournament last November but wasted a ninth-inning lead against Mexico and lost in 10 innings.

“We are going to make every effort to field as competitive a team as possible,” Manfred.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Owners were given an update on MLB’s proposal to eliminate 42 minor league affiliates in negotiations for a Professional Baseball Agreement with the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the governing body of the minors. Talks are set to resume Feb. 20. The current deal expires after this season.

“There is unanimous support among the owners for the objectives and the strategy that we’re pursuing with respect to this negotiation, in particular our objectives of modernizing minor league baseball, improving the working conditions of the players who play there,” Manfred said. “I’m hopeful that the minor league negotiating committee is able to get a consensus among its constituents, a consensus that’s strong enough that they can make us finally a written proposal that’s supported by their membership.”



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CBS – Kentucky at Tennessee SECN – Texas A&M at South Carolina 2 p.m.		NBC – FIS: Freestyle World Cup, Deer Valley Resort, Utah (taped) SOCCER (MEN'S) 9:30 a.m.		NBCSN – Four Continents Championship: Men's Free Skate, Seoul, South Korea (taped) GOLF 1 p.m.	
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NBCSN – St. Bonaventure at Duquesne 3:30 p.m.		NBC – Premier League: Watford at Brighton TENNIS 1 p.m.		NBATV – Boston at Oklahoma City 7 p.m.	
SECN – Arkansas at Missouri 4 p.m.		TENNIS – USTA: USTA Men's Pro Circuit Dallas, USTA Women's Pro Circuit Midland Semifinals 5 p.m.		NBATV – Utah at Houston NHL HOCKEY 12:30 p.m.	
BTN – Minnesota at Penn State CBSSN – South Florida at Memphis ESPN – Virginia at Louisville ESPN2 – Texas Tech at Texas 5 p.m.		TENNIS – ATP/USTA: Córdoba-ATP, Fed Cup, USTA Pro Circuit Dallas & Midland TRACK AND FIELD 4 p.m.		NBC – Boston at Detroit 7:30 p.m.	
NBCSN – St. Joseph's at La Salle 6 p.m.		NBC – The Millrose Games: From New York XFL FOOTBALL 2 p.m.		NBCSN – Colorado at Minnesota SKIING 3 p.m.	
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ACCN – Wake Forest at Syracuse CBSSN – San Diego State at Air Force ESPN2 – Kansas State at Iowa State ESPNU – Fresno State at Nevada (Las Vegas) FS1 – Providence at Xavier PAC-12N – California at Utah 8:30 p.m.		FOX – LA Wildcats at Houston Sunday, Feb. 9 AUTO RACING 12 p.m.		NBCSN – FIS Alpine World Cup: Women's Super-G, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (taped) SOCCER (MEN'S) 9:30 a.m.	
SECN – Vanderbilt at Mississippi State 10 p.m.		FOX – NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series: Qualifying, Daytona Beach, Fla. 3 p.m.		FS1 – Bundesliga: Köln at Borussia Mönchengladbach 11:25 a.m.	
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BTN – Michigan State at Indiana 3:30 p.m.		FOX – PBA: Tournament of Champions, Fairlawn, Ohio COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) 12 p.m.		FS2 – CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying: Teams TBD, Final, Carson, Calif. TENNIS 6:30 a.m.	
PAC-12N – Utah at California COLLEGE SOFTBALL 11 a.m.		CBSSN – Cincinnati at Connecticut FS1 – Butler at Marquette 1 p.m.		TENNIS – ATP: Montpelier-ATP, Pune-ATP Finals 1 p.m.	
PAC-12N – Kajikawa Classic: Arizona vs. Portland State, Tempe, Ariz. 1:30 p.m.		CBS – Ohio State at Wisconsin 2 p.m.		TENNIS – USTA: USTA Women's Pro Circuit Midland Singles Final 3 p.m.	
PAC-12N – Kajikawa Classic: Western Michigan vs. Arizona, Tempe, Ariz. FIGURE SKATING 7 p.m.		CBSSN – Evansville at Bradley 2:30 p.m.		TENNIS – USTA: USTA Men's Pro Circuit Dallas Singles Final 4 p.m.	
NBCSN – Four Continents Championships: Women's Free Skate, Seoul, South Korea (taped) FIGURE SKATING 7 p.m.		NBCSN – George Mason at Massachusetts 3 p.m.		TENNIS – ATP: The Córdoba Open, Singles Final, Córdoba, Argentina 3 a.m. (Monday)	
		ESPN – Wichita State at Houston 4 p.m.		TENNIS – ATP/WTA: Rotterdam-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA, Hua-Hin-WTA Early Rounds 6 a.m. (Monday)	
		ESPNU – Valparaiso at Loyola Chicago 6 p.m.		TENNIS – ATP/WTA: Rotterdam-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA, Hua-Hin-WTA Early Rounds XFL FOOTBALL 2 p.m.	
		ACCN – Notre Dame at Clemson ESPNU – Washington at Washington State 6:30 p.m.		FOX – Tampa Bay at NY Guardians 5 p.m.	
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Previous Solution: "I'm going to do what I want to do. I'm going to be who I really am. I'm going to figure out what that is." — Emma Watson

‘A floating prison’: Cruise of Asia ends in virus quarantine

By **FOSTER KLUG and MARI YAMAGUCHI**
Associated Press

YOKOHAMA, Japan — David Abel’s 50th wedding anniversary luxury cruise began with him eating his fill and enjoying the sights of East Asia.

It’s ending with him quarantined in his cabin aboard the Diamond Princess for two extra weeks, eating a “lettuce sandwich with some chicken inside” and watching as officials in hazmat-style suits escort dozens of infected people, some of them hiding their identities under sheets, off the ship to hospitals for treatment of a new virus. Officials said Friday that 61 people from the ship had the fast-spreading coronavirus.

“It’s not going to be a luxury cruise; it’s going to be like a floating prison,” Abel said on Facebook from the ship in the port of Yokohama, outside Tokyo. He is among thousands of people on two cruise ships in Japan and Hong Kong who are facing quarantine because of the virus.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced Thursday that Japan will deny entry of foreign passengers on another cruise ship heading to Japan – Holland America’s cruise ship Westerdam, on its way to Okinawa from Hong Kong – because of suspected coronavirus patients found on the ship.

The new immigration policy takes effect Friday to ensure border control to prevent the disease from entering and spreading further into Japan, Abe said.

As Japanese officials loaded the Diamond Princess with supplies to make the quarantine as bearable as possible, passengers took to social media to highlight kindnesses by the crew and to complain about dwindling medicine, the quality of the food and the inability to exercise or even leave their cabins.

Their photos and videos showed the vessel that once had 3,711 passengers and crew is now a ghost ship of deserted reception areas, swimming pools and hallways. Babies on the Hong Kong ship were reportedly running out of diapers and milk.

“I think for many passengers, it’s going to be absolute boredom,” Abel said in a separate interview. He considers himself lucky that he has a cabin with a balcony. “The people I feel really sorry for are those with inside cabins who’ve got no natural light, no fresh air. It’s going to be pretty grim for them for two weeks.”

Grim is one way to describe the virus and the fear it’s created. There have been more than 31,000 cases confirmed, and it’s spread to some 24 countries. Still, fear has spread faster than the disease. Masks and hand sanitizer are sold out in many areas of Seoul, Tokyo and Bangkok. Health workers are striking in Hong Kong and anti-Chinese discrimination has been seen across Asia. Taiwan has banned international cruise ships.

On the Diamond Princess, there were signs people were trying to make the best of a bad situation.

Yardley Wong, a passenger from Hong Kong traveling with her husband, son and her parents, said on Twitter that the crew gave her son playing cards, coloring pens and other gifts “to kill off boredom.”

Australians Paul and Coralie Williamson said their cabin was smaller than a motel room and they had heard complaints from others about not having medication, or enough information.

But, after 34 years of marriage, Coralie Williamson said: “If I’m going be stuck in a room with anyone, I would rather it be Paul than anyone else.”

“So it’s OK. We will need to go for a long walk on the beach when we get home,” she told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

People posted photos of breakfast, a bowl of fruit salad, boiled eggs, juice and a croissant. One passenger celebrating their ninth wedding anniversary got a “happy anniversary” card from the ship staff.

“We’re here for a long haul. I think it is going to get a little bit testing, obviously. But I don’t know. What do we do? We couldn’t jump out of the boat; that’s a bit cold,” Jacqui Fidrmuc from the city of Cairns told Australia’s Nine Network.

Japanese health officials told reporters that a medical team and supplies were being sent to the ship. At the port where the ship dropped off infected patients and loaded up food and supplies, a person in a hazmat bodysuit entered the ship carrying two boxes labeled

“thermometers.”

On the World Dream ship quarantined in Hong Kong, its more than 3,600 passengers and crew were being screened because eight passengers on an earlier voyage had the virus. Hong Kong officials said more than 5,000 passengers on three voyages beginning Jan. 19 may have been exposed.

Hong Kong lawmaker Jeremy Tan said a woman on board called him Wednesday night to say she and some other mothers were running out of milk powder and diapers for their babies. He said he believed there were five or more babies on the ship, and that he delivered the essentials to authorities Thursday.

Life on the Diamond Princess in Yokohama, Abel said, “has changed beyond recognition to what you would call a luxury cruise.” One meal was just a glass of orange juice, a yogurt and a bit of melon. Another was a “lettuce sandwich with some chicken inside” and a dessert.

When masked crew members hand over and pick up the trays of food, he said, “it’s very brief. There’s no physical contact apart from touching the tray.”

Even though the sick people have been taken off the boat, there was still unease. “We’ve been breathing the same air as those that have been removed,” Abel said.

“How do we cope with it?” Abel asked on Facebook. “We can either be creative and thinking positive things or we can be dragging ourselves down into the gutter. I certainly won’t be doing that.”

Doctor’s death highlights dangers on front lines of outbreak

By **MARIA CHENG**
Associated Press

LONDON — The death of a doctor who issued an early warning about the new virus in China represents a grim reminder that the first health care workers to recognize new outbreaks are sometimes among their earliest victims.

Dr. Li Wenliang’s death underlined the dangers health workers have faced in similar epidemics, including SARS and Ebola.

On Dec. 3, Li wrote on his social media account that he saw a test sample suggesting the presence of a coronavirus similar to SARS. In early January, the 34-year-old eye doctor was visited by police who forced him to sign a statement admitting to having spread falsehoods.

Within days, he developed a cough and fever, began having trouble breathing and was hospitalized. His death was confirmed Friday, prompting a deluge of messages of mourning and outrage at how he was treated.

The death was an all-too-familiar occurrence, said Dr. Michael Ryan, head of the World Health Organization’s health emergencies

program.

“We’re very sorry to hear the loss of any health care worker that’s attempted to care for patients,” Ryan said Friday. “We have suffered similar losses like the death of Carlo Urbani during SARS.”

In 2003, Urbani was an Italian doctor at the U.N. health agency’s Hanoi office and investigated the unusual case of a patient suffering respiratory symptoms in a private hospital. Urbani treated patients, took samples and worked to improve infection control policies in Hanoi.

Weeks later, he died of the same disease – severe acute respiratory syndrome – in a Bangkok hospital.

Doctors working at the early stages of any new outbreak are particularly vulnerable, said Dr. Bharat Pankhania, a University of Exeter infectious disease expert.

“At the beginning, doctors are just not aware of what kind of behaviors may be dangerous,” he said. When Li was exposed to the new virus, “he didn’t know an outbreak was already underway and what precautions he should take,” Pankhania said.

Doctors and nurses also were infected in the early stages of multiple Ebola outbreaks, before the lethal disease was recognized and proper infection control policies were implemented.

“It’s just bad timing,” Pankhania said. “Doctors get infected because they are in the wrong place at the wrong time.”

Among people infected in the current outbreak, 82 percent have suffered only mild disease, WHO estimated. Fatal cases have been most common in people aged over 60 and those with other health problems, like diabetes or high blood pressure. Fewer than 2 percent have died, according to the latest figures.

Li, however, may have been at risk for a more serious illness because he was treating patients before he knew to take any precautions, doctors said. He also may have been exposed to an especially large dose, given that eye doctors tend to work close to patients’ faces.

A study published Friday in the Journal of the American Medical Association underscored the dangers faced by health care workers.

The report detailed illness-

es in 138 people treated at Zhongnan Hospital in Wuhan, including 40 hospital workers believed to have become infected on the job. More than 10 of them were presumed to have been infected by a single patient who was admitted to the surgical ward with abdominal symptoms.

Patients also apparently infected other patients, the researchers said. The patients were all adults, adding to evidence that suggests cases in children are rare.

On Friday, WHO warned that increased demand for masks and other protective equipment might further jeopardize health workers responding to the outbreak.

WHO’s director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, noted that prices have skyrocketed and that there were insufficient quantities of masks and respirators to meet the demands of WHO and its partners.

The problem has been exacerbated by inappropriate use of equipment such as masks, gloves and gowns, he said.

“We need to make sure we get it to the people who need it the most,” he said. “Our first priority is health workers.”

Democrat Myers says Ind. ‘ready for a change’

By **TOM DAVIES**
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Health care business executive Woody Myers filed paperwork Friday to challenge Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb, becoming the lone Democrat to qualify for the ballot in a bid to break the GOP’s 16-year hold on Indiana’s top office.

Myers became the last Democrat standing for the May primary after tech business leader Josh Owens dropped out the race Wednesday and endorsed Myers. He will be the first African American to appear on either the Democratic or

Republican ticket in the state as a candidate for governor or lieutenant governor.

Myers said he would focus his campaign on improving the state’s education and health care systems, job creation and tackling environmental problems.

“I just truly believe that Hoosiers are ready for a change,” Myers said. “Hoosiers know that the leadership that we have today isn’t working for most Hoosiers. Those at the top of the food chain are doing really well, but the rest of the state is not.”

Holcomb’s campaign touts what it calls record job commitments and infrastructure investments around the state

since he became governor in 2017.

Myer, a 65-year-old Indianapolis native with degrees from Stanford and Harvard, is a doctor who gained prominence as Indiana’s state health commissioner in the 1980s by advocating for teenage AIDS patient Ryan White’s right to attend a public school that sought to keep him out due to his illness. Myers later became New York City health commissioner before holding a string of corporate executive positions, including at Indianapolis-based insurer Wellpoint Inc., Tennessee-based prison medical care provider Corizon Health and health

insurer Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona.

State Republican Party Chairman Kyle Hupfer, who is Holcomb’s campaign manager, took a swipe at Myers’ moves around the country.

“I know Woody Myers has spent a lot of time outside of Indiana the last 30 years, so he doesn’t know that Hoosiers like what Republican leadership has meant to our state,” Hupfer said in a statement. “Indiana is on a roll and Governor Holcomb isn’t taking his foot off the gas. Unemployment is down, wages are up, job commitments are up and Governor Holcomb is just getting started.”

DNC chair calls for ‘recanvass’ of Iowa results after delays

By **STEVE PEOPLES, JULIE PACE and BRIAN SLODYSKO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Democratic National Committee has called for a “recanvass” of the results of the Iowa caucuses, saying it was needed to “assure public confidence” after three days of technical issues and delays.

“Enough is enough,” party leader Tom Perez wrote on Twitter.

Following the Iowa Democratic Party’s release of new results late Thursday night, former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg leads Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders by two state delegate equivalents out of 2,152 counted. That is a margin of 0.09 percentage points. Both candidates have declared themselves victorious.

However, there is evidence the party has not accurately tabulated some of its results, including those released late Thursday that the party reported as complete.

The Associated Press is unable to declare a winner.

The state party apologized for technical glitches with an app that slowed down reporting of results from Monday’s caucuses and has spent the week trying to verify results. However, it was unclear if the party planned to follow the directive of the national leader to recanvass those results, a process that would likely require state officials to review caucus math worksheets completed at more than 1,600 caucus sites to ensure the calculations were done correctly and matched the reported results.

Iowa chairman Troy Price suggested in a statement Thursday that he would only pursue a recanvass if one was requested by a campaign.

The caucus crisis was an embarrassing twist after months of promoting Iowa as a chance for Democrats to find some clarity in a jumbled 2020 field. Instead, after a buildup that featured seven rounds of debates, nearly \$1 billion spent nationwide and a year of political jockeying, caucus day ended with no winner and no official results.

Campaigning in New Hampshire, Sanders called the Iowa Democratic Party’s management of the caucuses a “screw-up” that has been “extremely unfair” to the candidates and their supporters.

“We’ve got enough of Iowa,” he said later Thursday at a CNN town hall. “I think we should move onto New Hampshire.”

Iowa marked the first contest in a primary season that will span all 50 states and several U.S. territories, ending at the party’s national convention in July.

As first reported by The New York Times, numerous precincts reported results that contained errors or were inconsistent with party rules. For example, the AP confirmed that dozens of precincts reported more final alignment votes than first alignment votes, which is not possible under party rules. In other precincts, viable candidates lost votes from the first alignment tally to the final, which is also inconsistent with party rules.

Some precincts made apparent errors in awarding state delegate equivalents to candidates. A handful of precincts awarded more state delegate equivalents than they had available. A few others didn’t award all of theirs.

The trouble began with an app that the Iowa Democratic Party used to tabulate the results of the contest. The app was rolled out shortly before caucusing began and did not go through rigorous testing.

The problems were compounded when phone lines for reporting the outcomes became jammed, with many callers placed on hold for hours in order to report outcomes. Party officials said the backlog was exacerbated by calls from people around the country who accessed the

number and appeared intent on disrupting the process.

“There was a moment in the night where, it became clear, ‘Oh, the phone number just became available to the entire country,’” said Iowa state Auditor Rob Sand, who was answering calls for the party. “It was a pretty big problem.”

President Donald Trump relished in the Democratic turmoil.

“The Democrats, they can’t count some simple votes and yet they want to take over your health care system,” Trump said at a White House event Thursday celebrating his impeachment trial acquittal. “Think of that – no, think of that.”

The chaos surrounding the reporting breakdown seems sure to blunt the impact of Iowa’s election, which typically rewards winners with a surge of momentum heading into subsequent primary contests. But without a winner called, Democrats have quickly turned their focus to New Hampshire, which holds the next voting contest on Tuesday.

Buttigieg and Sanders will emerge from Iowa’s caucuses with the most delegates to the party’s national convention, regardless of which one eventually wins the contest. They have each won at least 11 national delegates, with a handful of delegates still to be awarded, according to the AP delegate count. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren has won at least five delegates, while former Vice President Joe Biden has won at least two and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar has at least one.

Iowa will award 41 pledged delegates to the Democratic National Convention this summer. There are 11 delegates still to be awarded as the state party sorts out the final results of the caucuses.

Candidates must win a majority of pledged delegates to the party’s national convention to win the Democratic nomination for president on the first ballot. This year, that’s 1,191 pledged delegates.

The two Iowa leaders, Buttigieg and Sanders, are separated by 40 years in age and conflicting ideology.

Sanders, a 78-year-old self-described democratic socialist, has been a progressive powerhouse for decades. Buttigieg, a 38-year-old former municipal official, represents the more moderate wing of the Democratic Party. Buttigieg is also the first openly gay candidate to earn presidential primary delegates.

Sanders narrowly lost the Iowa caucuses in 2016 to Hillary Clinton and pushed the party to make changes to the process this year, including releasing three different sets of results: a tally of candidate support at the start of the caucuses, their levels of support after those backing candidates with less than 15 percent got to make a second choice and the number of state delegate equivalents each candidate receives. The AP will determine a winner based on state delegates.

Given the tight race, former DNC Chairwoman Donna Brazile said the party needs to “get this right” so the eventual nominee isn’t saddled with questions of legitimacy.

“It’s a combination of embarrassment and not being prepared for the various mishaps that can take place when you try to do something new and different,” she said.

Party activist John Deeth, who organized the caucuses in Iowa’s most Democratic county, Johnson, said he welcomed a recanvass and would help as needed.

“It makes sense to look everything over again and get it right,” he said.

Deeth said that he believed the review would uncover some data entry errors as well as some math and rounding errors in how delegates at each precinct were awarded. Volunteers running the precincts did their best, he said, but likely made some minor mistakes.

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